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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION )  
FOR TREATMENT OF HEART )  
DISEASE BASED ON CARDIAC )  
HYPERTROPHY )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56,  
Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R.  
§§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited are  
enclosed.

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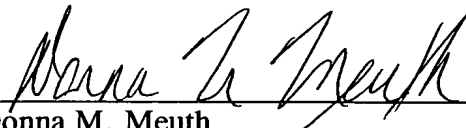
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To assist the Examiner, the listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialled copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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